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STRATEGIC GROWTH PLAN

Early this morning, the California Legislature approved a historic infrastructure package. The following is more information on four general obligation bonds: education, housing, levee repair/flood control and transportation.

TRANSPORTATION

The Strategic Growth Plan transportation proposal authorizes the placement of an \$19.9 billion general obligation bond to fund repairs, reduce congestion, improve bridge safety, expand public transit and improve port security on the November 2006 ballot. The bond proposal also authorizes public/private transportation partnerships, application of the Design-Build method for these projects, and legislation to streamline the environmental review process.

Highlights

- Relieving congestion: \$4.5 billion
 - Funds will expand capacity, enhance operations, and improve travel times in high-congestion travel corridors.
- Sea, land, and airport infrastructure: \$3.1 billion to relieve traffic congestion along major trade corridors, improve freight rail facilities, and enhance the movement of goods from port to marketplace.
 - \$1.0 billion is designated for air quality improvements that will achieve emission reductions from activities related to port operations and freight movement.
 - \$100 million will also be available for port, harbor, and ferry terminal security improvements.
- Local streets and roads: \$2.0 billion for improvements to local transportation facilities that will repair and rehabilitate local streets and roads, reduce local traffic congestion, improve traffic flow or increase traffic safety.
- **The cities and counties in my Senate district will receive the following direct allocations for local streets and roads.**

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Cities Allocation in Senate District 17

Adelanto	\$751,448
Apple Valley	\$2,048,945
Fillmore	\$488,451
Hesperia	\$ 2,442,382
Lancaster	\$4,290,325
Los Angeles	\$127,002,156
Palmdale	\$4,387,585
Santa Clarita	\$5,389,387
Santa Paula	\$939,583
Victorville	\$2,774,786

Counties Allocation in Senate District 17

Los Angeles	\$194,409,195
San Bernardino	\$50,504,751
Ventura	\$20,154,079

- State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP): \$2.0 billion to augment funds for STIP, a five-year capital improvement program for state and regional transportation projects.
- Matching funds for counties: \$1.0 billion for counties that have raised local money for transportation projects.
- Highways: \$750 million for highway safety, rehabilitation, and pavement preservation projects.
 - Includes \$250 million for traffic light synchronization projects and other technology-based improvements to improve safety operations and the capacity of local streets and roads.
- School bus retrofit and replacement: \$200 million for to reduce air pollution and to reduce children's exposure to diesel exhaust.
- Matching funds for seismic safety: \$125 million to provide to complete seismic retrofits on local bridges, ramps, and overpasses.
- Railroad infrastructure: \$250 million for railroad crossings and the construction of bridges over rail lines.
- Transit safety, security, and disaster response: \$1.0 billion to provide increased protection against security and safety threats.
 - Funds will also increase the capacity of transit operations to move people, goods, emergency personnel, and equipment during and after a disaster.
- Public transit: \$4.0 billion for public transit, intercity and commuter rail, and waterborne transit operations.
 - Projects include new capital outlay, rehabilitation, capital service enhancements and improvements to safety, modernization, and bus rapid transit projects.
- Route 99: \$1.0 billion for improvements to this 400 mile stretch of highway through the Central Valley.

Transportation

Program	General Obligation Spending
Congestion reduction	\$4.5 billion
Seaports, land ports, airports	\$3.1 billion
State Transportation Improvement Program	\$2.0 billion
Route 99	\$1.0 billion
Local streets and roads	\$2.0 billion
Transit safety, security and disaster response	\$1.0 billion
Matching county funds	\$1.0 billion
Highways	\$750 million
School bus retrofit	\$200 million
Matching seismic funds	\$125 million
Railroad infrastructure	\$250 million
Public Transit	\$4 billion
Total (\$ in billions)	\$19.9 billion

EDUCATION

The Strategic Growth Plan education proposal authorizes the placement of a \$10.4 billion general obligation bond to fund K-12 and Higher Education on the November 2006 ballot.

Highlights

- Vocational Education: Provides \$500 million in supplemental grants for facilities.
 - This is the first time in state history that funding for Vocational Education is included in a state bond.
 - Funding will be applied to new facility construction and reconfiguration.
- Charter Schools: Provides \$500 million for facilities.
 - This is the largest state bond funding for charter school facilities in California history.
 - The bond's requirements limit the reduction of school district eligibility when new charter facility construction is authorized, and requires school districts to consider existing surplus facilities in accordance with current law.
- Overcrowded Schools: Authorizes the State Allocation Board to make grants to overcrowded schools.
 - The bond is expected to fully fund all projects in the pipeline in 2006-2008 bond cycle, accommodating the anticipated rise in student population over this timeframe.
 - Grants would be available to replace a portion of portable classrooms at overcrowded schools with new hard construction permanent facilities.
 - *Overcrowded* is defined as having a pupil density equal to or greater than 175% of the current guidelines.
- Seismic Safety: Creates a new seismic safety program with up to \$200 million made available to those schools identified as having the highest risk for potential seismic damage.
- Higher Education: Provides \$3.087 billion to public college and university facilities.
 - \$1.580 billion for the University of California and California State University systems.
 - \$1.5 billion for California Community Colleges. This is the highest bond allocation to community colleges in state history.

K-12

Program	Total Funding
New Construction	\$1.9 billion
Modernization	\$3.3 billion
Career Technical	\$500 million
Charter Schools	\$500 million
Overcrowded Portables	\$1 billion
Small Schools	\$200 million*
Seismic Safety	\$200 million*
Green Schools	\$100 million
Joint Use Facilities	\$29 million
Total (\$ in billions)	\$7.329

*Amounts for small schools and seismic safety are not added to totals, but are set-aside within the new construction and modernization amounts.

Higher Education

Institution	Total Funding
University of California	\$890 million
California State University	\$690 million
Community Colleges	\$1.5 billion
Total (\$ in billions)	\$3.087

HOUSING

The Strategic Growth Plan housing proposal authorizes that a \$2.85 billion general obligation bond providing homeownership, rental, and permanent housing opportunities be placed on the November 2006 ballot.

Highlights

- New Homeownership: \$725 million to help an estimated 23,600 families become or remain homeowners.
 - Includes funding for the Building Equity in Neighborhoods Program, CalHome, and the CalHFA Housing Assistance Program.

An investment of \$1.75 billion

- Would leverage an estimated \$8.8 billion in other private and local funding.
- Would create an estimated 81,000 full time jobs, almost \$3.3 billion in wages, and approximately \$487 million in combined federal, State, and local tax revenues over the award and construction period.

Housing

Program	Total Funding	Total Units*	Leverage*
Homeownership Programs			
CalHome	\$290,000,000	6,815	\$1,363,000,000
Self-Help Housing Program	\$10,000,000	752	\$169,200,000
California Homebuyers Down Payment Assistance Program	\$100,000,000	10,310	\$3,008,000,000
Residential Development Loan Program	\$100,000,000	940	\$188,000,000
Affordable Housing Innovation Fund	\$100,000,000	1,891	\$1,222,000,000
Multifamily Rental Housing Programs			
Multifamily Housing - Supportive Housing	\$195,000,000	1,929	\$366,600,000
Multifamily - Foster Care Youth	\$50,000,000	495	\$94,000,000

Additional Items***

- Regional Planning, Housing and Infill: \$850 million
- Urban, Suburban, and Rural Parks: \$200 million
 - Grants in both categories will be applied specifically to park creation and development; water, sewer and other public infrastructure costs; transportation improvements and traffic mitigation; and brownfield cleanup.

* Total units and leverage estimates are based on Local Assistance funding and historical experience with existing programs.

** New program estimate assumes 1/2 of funds shown are used for housing.

*** Additional items totals are included in the \$2.8 billion total

LEVEE REPAIR AND FLOOD CONTROL

The Strategic Growth Plan levee proposal authorizes the placement of a \$4.09 billion general obligation bond to repair and maintain levees and improve the flood control systems in the state on the November 2006 ballot.

Highlights

- Evaluation, Repair and Delta Levee Maintenance: \$3 billion
 - Will fund urgent repairs and essential improvements of levees and other flood control facilities in the Central Valley and Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta.
 - Funds will also leverage federal and local dollars to fund flood prevention projects and improve disaster preparedness.
 - Bond funds will be used for programs such as:
 - Evaluation and repair of the State/federal flood control system, addressing ongoing erosion, seepage, and stability distress.
 - Modifications and improvements to increase flood protection for urban areas, such as Folsom Dam modifications, American River Common features, South Sacramento streams and other projects.
 - Ongoing local assistance for Delta Levee Subventions and special flood control projects to reduce the risk of Delta levee failure.
- Flood Control Subventions: \$500 Million
 - Will help pay the state's share of flood control projects outside the Central Valley. Currently, the State owes approximately \$160 million to projects that are already underway or have been

completed. Bond funding, combined with other funding mechanisms, would cover anticipated subvention payments for the next 10 years.

- Flood Protection Corridor, Bypasses and Mapping: \$290 million
 - Could be used for:
 - Creation of new levees, and the construction and preservation of setback levees, flood corridors, and bypasses.
 - Completion of flood hazard and alluvial fan floodplain mapping necessary for proper flood infrastructure investments.
- Storm Water Flood Management: \$300 Million
 - Will provide grants to local entities to cost share storm water runoff projects, consistent with an integrated regional water management plan.
 - Projects in the State Plan of Flood Control are not eligible for these funds.

Levee repair and flood control

Program	Total Funding
Evaluation, Repair and Levee Maintenance	\$3 billion
Flood Control Subventions:	\$500 Million
Flood Protection Corridor, Bypasses and Mapping:	\$290 million
Storm Water Flood Management	\$300 million
Total (\$ in billions)	\$4.09

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